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The SPECTATOR.

——Pavor est utrique molestus. Hor.

Wednesday, January 30. 1712.

MR. SPECTATOR;

WHEN you spoke of the Jilts and Coquets, you then promised to be very impartial, and not to spare even your own Sex, should any of their secret or open Faults come under your observance; which has given me Encouragement to describe a certain Species of Mankind under the Denomination of *Male Jilts*. They are Gentlemen who do not design to marry, yet, that they may appear to have some Sense of Gallantry, for they must pay their *Devoirs* to one particular Fair; in order to which they single out from amongst the Herd of Females her to whom they intend to make their fruitless Addresses. This they first take every Opportunity of being in Company, and then never fail upon all Occasions to be particular to her, laying themselves at her Feet, protesting the Reality of their Love with a thousand Oaths, soliciting a Return, and saying as many fine things as their Talent of Wit will allow; and if they are not taken that way, generally speak so as to admit a double Interpretation; which the credulous Fair is too apt to turn to her own Advantage, and it frequently happens to be a raw, innocent, believing Creature, who thinks all the World as sincere as her self; and so her unwary Heart becomes an easy Prey to those deceitful Monsters, who no sooner perceive it, but immediately they grow cool, and shun her whom they before seem'd so fond to admire, and proceed to act the same Common-place Villany towards another. A Coxcomb flushed with many of these infamous Victories will be sorry for the poor Fools, protest and vow he never thought of Matrimony, and wonder how Love can be so strangely misinterpreted. But, Mr. SPECTATOR, you that are a professed Friend to Love, will, I hope, observe upon those Men of Wit that noble Passion, and raise to it in the Minds by a deceitful Affectation of it, although they desert the Enamoured. Pray bestow some of your Counsel to those fond believing Females who already have or are in Danger of losing their Hearts; in which you will oblige a great Part of this Town, but in a particular Manner,

SIR,

Your (yet Heart-whole) Admirer, and devoted humble Servant,

Melainia.

Melainia's Complaint is occasioned by so general a Folly, that it is wonderful one could so long overlook it. But this false Gallantry proceeds from an Impotence of Mind, which makes those who are guilty of it incapable of pursuing what they themselves approve. Many a Man wishes a Woman his Wife whom he dare not take for such. Tho' no one has Power over his Inclinations or Fortunes, he is a Slave to common Fame. For this Reason I think *Melainia* gives them too soft a Name in that of of Male Coquets. I know not why irresolution of Mind should not be more contemptible than Impotence of Body; and these frivolous Admirers would be but tenderly used, in being only included in the same Term with the Insufficient another Way. They whom my Correspondent calls Male Coquets, shall hereafter be called *Fribblers*. A Fribler is one who professes Rapture and Admiration for the Woman to whom he addresses, and dreads nothing so much as her Consent. His Heart can flutter by the Force of Imagination, but cannot fix from the Force of Judgment. It is not uncommon for the Parents of young Women of moderate Fortune to wink at the Addresses of Friblers, and expose their Children to the ambiguous Behaviour which *Melainia* complains of, till by the Fondness to one they are to lose, they become incapable of Love towards others, and by Consequence in their future Marriage lead a joyless or a miserable Life. As therefore I shall in the Speculations which regard Love be as severe as I ought on Jilts and libertine Women, so will I be as little merciful to insignificant and mischievous Men. In order to this all Visitants who frequent Families wherein there are young Females, are forthwith required to declare themselves, or absent from Places where their Presence banishes such as would pass their Time more to the Advantage of those whom they visit. It is a Matter of too great Moment to be dallied with; and I shall expect from all my young People a satisfactory Account of Appearances. *Strephon* has from the Publication hereof seven Days to explain the Riddle he presented to *Eudamia*; and *Chloris* an Hour after this comes to her Hand, to declare whether she will have *Philotas*, whom a Woman of no less Merit than her self, and of superiour Fortune, languishes to call her own.

To the SPECTATOR.

SIR,

'SINCE so many Dealers turn Authors, and write quaint Advertisements in Praise of their

'their Wares, one, who from an Author turned 'Dealer, may be allowed for the Advancement of 'Trade to turn Author again. I will not however set up, like some of 'em, for selling cheaper than the most able honest Tradesmen can; nor 'do I send this to be better known for Choice and 'Cheapness of China and Japan-Wares, Tea, Fans, 'Muslins, Pictures, Arrack, and other *Indian* Goods. 'Placed as I am in *Leaden-hall-street* near the *India-Company*, and the Centre of that Trade, Thanks 'to my fair Customers, my Ware-house is graced 'as well as the Benefit Days of my Plays and Operas; and the foreign Goods I sell seem no less 'acceptable than the foreign Books I translated, *Rabelais* and *Don Quixote*: This the Criticks allow me, and while they like my Wares they may 'dispraise my Writing. But as 'tis not so well 'known yet that I frequently cross the Seas of late, and speaking *Dutch* and *French*, besides other Languages, I have the Conveniency of 'buying and importing rich Brocades, *Dutch* Atlasses, with Gold and Silver or without, and other foreign Silks of the newest Modes and best 'Fabricks, fine *Flanders* Lace, Linnens, and Pictures at the best Hand. This my new way of 'Trade I have fallen into I cannot better publish 'than by an Application to you. My Wares are 'fit only for such as your Readers; and I would 'beg of you to print this Address in your Paper, 'that those whose Minds you adorn may take the 'Ornaments for their Persons and Houses from me. 'This, Sir, if I may presume to beg it, will be 'the greater Favour, as I have lately receiv'd rich 'Silks and fine Lace to a considerable Value, which 'will be sold cheap for a quick Return, and as I 'have also a large Stock of other Goods. *Indian* 'Silks were formerly a great Branch of our Trade; 'and since we must not sell 'em, we must seek Amends by dealing in others. This I hope will 'plead for one who would lessen the Number of 'Teazers of the Muses, and who, suiting his Spirit to his Circumstances, humbles the Poet to exalt the Citizen. Like a true Tradesman I hardly 'ever look into any Books but those of Accompts. 'To say the Truth, I cannot, I think, give you a 'better Idea of my being a downright Man of 'Traffick, than by acknowledging I oftner read 'the Advertisements, than the Matter of even your 'Paper. I am under a very great Temptation to 'take this Opportunity of admonishing other Writers to follow my Example, and trouble the Town 'no more; but as it is my present Business to encrease the Number of Buyers rather than Sellers, 'I hasten to tell you that I am,

SIR,

Your most humble,
and most obedient Servant,
Peter Motteux.

At the Request of several Persons of Quality. By Her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morow, being Thursday the 31st Day of January, will be presented a Comedy call'd Love for Love. By Her Majesty's Command no Person are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

At the Mountain Wine-Cellar under the Royal South-Sea Coffee house in Bread-street, is sold by retail excellent Mountain Malaga Wine at 6s. 8d. per Gallon or 1s 9d. per Quart, being a fresh Parcel lately landed, and of the best Quality, and Red Viana Wine at 13l. per Bottle. Such Persons as take three Gallons shall pay but 12 s there being 13 Bottles, warranted all neat and pure from the Grape.

There is to be sold at very low Rates at Mr. [illegible] verill's, at the Unicorn and Dial, up one Pair of Stairs, near [illegible] Bridge, a fresh Parcel of Cravats and Cambricks for Handkerchiefs being the Goods of Persons that have fail'd. The Cravats are up three in a Paper, and the Price mark'd upon each Parcel.

There is a very curious Collection of Pictures lately brought from beyond Sea, to be sold by Auction on the 1st of February next. The Sale will begin at a Clock in the Forenoon, at the Corner House in the Piazza Covent-Garden, (it having been the Dwelling-house of the late De Boyse, whose Collection was sold in the same Apartment. Pictures may be seen this Day the 30th, and to Morrow the from 9 in the Morning till 4 in the Afternoon; where Catalogues may be had gratis.

For SALE by the CANDLE.

To Morrow the 31st Instant, at Garraway's Coffee-house in Exchange Alley in Cornhill, at 3 in the Afternoon (only one Hhd. in a Lot) 181 Hhds. of excellent new French Claret, viz. Pontacq, Margaux, Obrien, and la Tour, and others of the best Growths of France, deep, bright, strong, fresh, of the right Flavour and of the very best Vintage, neat, entire Parcels, and not one Glass sold out of these Vaults or exposed for Sale: Imported by a Burdeaux Ship the Dragon, Hans Anderson Master, directly from Bourdeaux, now in Vaults under the House of Mr. Aaron Perrara at the Sign of the Gates to Messieurs Tourton and Guiguer, Merchants, in Mark Lane, Fenchurch-street. To be seen and tasted all to Morrow the 30th till the Time of Sale. Note, The Buyers are to pay down at the Place of Sale 5 Guineas per Lot in part, and 6d. to the Broker for the Lot to be put up again; and they are desired to appear punctually at the Hour appointed, because the Lots are many, the Sale is to be compleated without adjourning. Catalogues shall be dispersed To be sold by Tho. Tomkins, Br Seething Lane in Tower Street.

Air-Pumps both single and double Barrelled, with Apparatus for demonstrating the several Properties of the Machines for condensing Air, small Air-Pumps, with Glasses for a new Way of Cupping, Scarrificator, one which at once [illegible] another 13, another 16 effectual Incisions, Syphons and Glasses with Valves for Anotomical Injections, Hydrostatical Balances finding the Specifick Gravities of Liquids and Solids with Accuracy. All which according to the latest and best Improvements with Directions how to use and order them on all Occasions, are in Bind-Court, Fleet street, by Fran. Hauksbee, Sen. Author them, Fellow of the Royal Society; where likewise may be had new sort of Spirit of Wine, Lamps and Glasses for cupping with printed Directions. Price of a Lamp, 6 Cupping Glasses, and [illegible] of highly rectified Spirit of Wine 5 s. 6 d.

This Day is Published,

The Sense of the Nation concerning the Duke of Marlborough, as it is expressed in several Acts of Parliament, the Votes and Joint-Addresses of both Houses, and in her Majesty's most gracious Messages and Answers. Printed for S. Popping at the Black Raven in Pope-Noster-Row. Price Four Pence.

The Effigies of the late Lord Chief Justice [illegible] with his Sum of Religion and Character: Engraved on a Copper Plate. Formerly sold for 1s. now for 6 d. Likewise the Cartoon of Raphael Urbin, with the Title Cut done in Metzotinto from the Gallery of Hampton Court. Formerly sold for 20 s. now for 6 d. by Edw. Cooper at the 3 Pidgeons in Bedford-street.

Archæologia Britannica: Giving some Account additional to what has been hitherto published of the Language, Historians, and Customs of the original Inhabitants of Great Britain from Collections and Observations in Travels through Wales, Cornwall, Bas Bretagne, Ireland, and Scotland. By Ed. Lhuyd, M. A. of Jesus College, Keeper of the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. Printed by W. Mears at the Lamb without Temple-bar, where may be had a Compendium of the Laws concerning Local Settlements, the Laws for the Preservation of the Game, and those relating to Gaming, Highwaymen, &c Price in Calf 2 s. 6 d.

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The famous Spanish Blacking for Gentlemens Shoes that ever was Invented or Used; it making them always look New, never Daubs the Hands in putting on, or Soils the Stockings wearing; neither has it the ordinary Gloss of German-Balls, the intolerable noisome stink of Size, but of is an agreeable Scent, indeed makes the Shoes look extreamly Neat and mightily preserves the Leather: All that use it Admire it, and those that once use it never use any thing else. Sold for 1 s. 6 d. the Pot, with Directions (which will last 3 or 4 Months) only at Mr. John Hannam's, [illegible] at the 3 Angels near Foster-Lane in Cheapside.

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